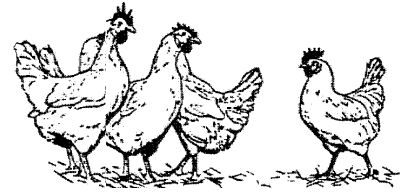


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U.S. MARCH EGG PRODUCTION UP 2 PERCENT

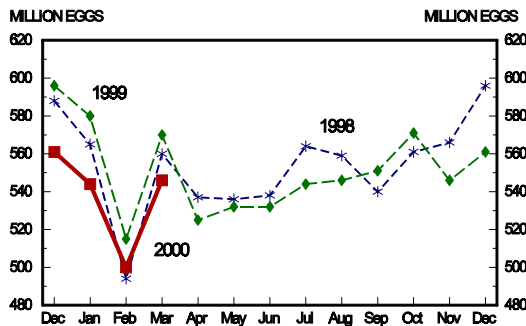
U.S. egg production totaled 7.22 billion during March 2000, up 2 percent from the 7.05 billion produced in 1999. Production included 6.10 billion table eggs and 1.12 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.05 billion were broiler-type and 67.0 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during March 2000 averaged 331 million, up 2 percent from the total average number of layers during March 1999. March egg production per 100 layers was 2,182 eggs, down slightly from 2,185 eggs in March 1999.

All layers in the U.S. on April 1, 2000 totaled 331 million, up 3 percent from a year ago. The 331 million layers consisted of 271 million layers producing table or commercial type eggs, 57.3 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.84 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on April 1, 2000 averaged 70.9 eggs per 100 layers, down slightly from the 71.0 a year ago.

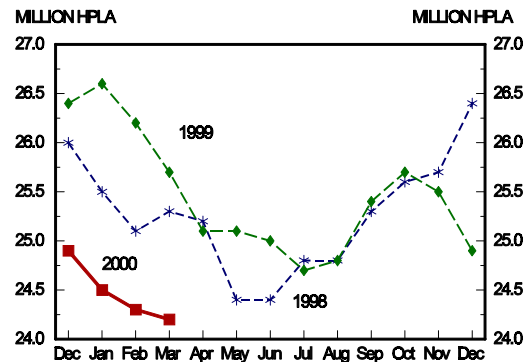
CALIFORNIA EGG PRODUCTION

California's egg production during March totaled 546 million, 46.0 million more than last month, but 24.0 million less than last March. Average number of layers during the month totaled 24.2 million, slightly below last month and 6 percent below March 1999. Eggs per 100 layers during the month were 2,252 compared to 2,054 last month and 2,217 in March 1999.

EGG PRODUCTION, CALIFORNIA
DECEMBER THROUGH DECEMBER, 1998-2000



AVERAGE NUMBER OF HPLA, CALIFORNIA
DECEMBER THROUGH DECEMBER, 1998-2000



LAYER NUMBERS AND EGG PRODUCTION DURING MARCH, FORCED MOLTING AS OF APRIL 1

State	Average Number of Layers on Hand		Eggs Per 100 Layers		Total Egg Production		Layers Being Molted		Layers With Molt Completed	
	1999	2000	1999	2000	1999	2000	1999	2000	1999	2000
	Thousands		Number		Millions		Percent		Percent	
Alabama	10,661	10,636	1,979	1,937	211	206	0.5	1.5	13.0	11.0
Arkansas	15,281	15,684	1,924	1,957	294	307	2.5	2.5	9.5	5.0
California	25,710	24,243	2,217	2,252	570	546	5.0	3.0	37.5	40.0
Georgia	21,226	21,370	2,129	2,143	452	458	2.5	1.0	17.0	16.0
Indiana	22,148	22,901	2,230	2,279	494	522	2.5	1.5	31.0	34.0
Iowa	24,665	27,631	2,287	2,276	564	629	4.5	3.5	27.5	30.5
North Carolina	11,633	11,302	1,951	1,902	227	215	0.5	1.0	8.5	8.0
Ohio	30,805	31,503	2,204	2,162	679	681	1.5	2.0	15.0	11.5
Pennsylvania	22,790	23,530	2,326	2,303	530	542	4.0	2.5	17.5	22.0
Texas	17,483	17,278	2,162	2,153	378	372	0.5	1.0	17.5	21.5
United States	322,758	330,826	2,185	2,182	7,052	7,220	2.8	2.1	21.7	22.4

U.S. BROILER HATCH

The March 2000 hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 756 million, was up slightly from March of the previous year. Eggs in incubators totaled 633 million on April 1, 2000, up 1 percent from a year earlier.

Leading breeders placed 7.31 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during March 2000. This was up slightly from March 1999.

BROILER-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED, MARCH

State	1999	2000	2000/1999
	Thousands	Thousands	Percent
Alabama	97,138	104,698	108
Arkansas	112,380	109,874	98
Delaware	16,908	16,003	95
Florida	10,587	9,758	92
Georgia	114,245	112,302	98
Maryland	31,915	30,759	96
Mississippi	65,866	65,358	99
North Carolina	64,375	64,262	100
Pennsylvania	13,525	12,787	95
South Carolina	16,617	17,401	105
Texas	49,605	53,439	108
Virginia	24,826	24,206	98
California, Tennessee & West Virginia	41,831	40,441	97
Other States ^{1/}	95,986	95,063	99
UNITED STATES	755,804	756,351	100

^{1/} Not published separately to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

U.S. EGG-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED

Egg-type chicks hatched during March totaled 39.6 million, down 4 percent from March 1999. Eggs in incubators totaled 33.2 million on April 1, 2000, down 11 percent from a year ago.

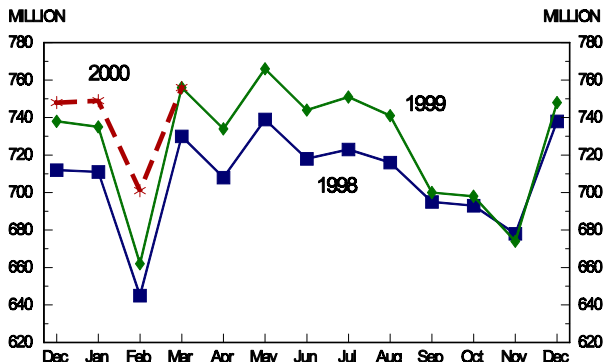
Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 286 thousand during March 2000. This was up 11 percent from March 1999.

EGG-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED, MARCH

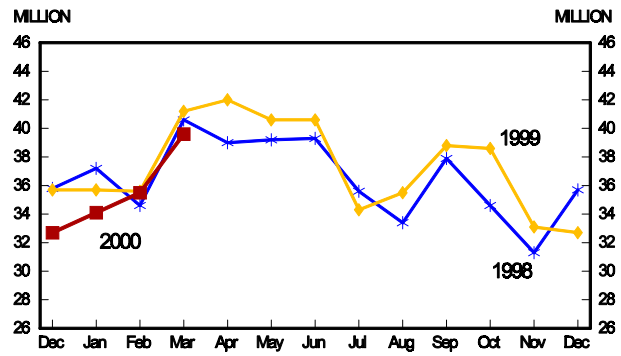
State	1999	2000	2000/1999
	Thousands	Thousands	Percent
Arkansas	749	833	111
Florida	1,067	1,014	95
Georgia	1,821	2,079	114
Indiana	7,403	5,417	73
Iowa	5,542	6,253	113
Kansas	166	202	122
Minnesota	2,213	2,012	91
Missouri	381	381	100
Pennsylvania	6,110	6,300	103
Other States ^{1/}	15,720	15,069	96
UNITED STATES	41,172	39,560	96

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**BROILER CHICKS HATCHED, UNITED STATES
JANUARY THROUGH DECEMBER, 1998-2000**



**EGG-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED, UNITED STATES
JANUARY THROUGH DECEMBER, 1998-2000**



EGGS IN INCUBATORS, APRIL 1

Geographic Division	Broiler-Type			Egg-Type		
	1999	2000	2000/1999	1999	2000	2000/1999
	Thousands	Thousands	Percent	Thousands	Thousands	Percent
North Atlantic	12,005	11,681	97	6,949	5,957	86
East North Central	8,134	7,829	96	9,088	7,163	79
West North Central	22,367	21,008	94	7,373	7,647	104
South Atlantic	240,300	238,953	99	4,724	3,122	66
South Central	320,552	327,409	102	3,705	4,435	120
West	25,369	25,902	102	5,411	4,848	90
UNITED STATES	628,727	632,782	101	37,250	33,172	89

POULTRY AND EGG PRICES

The average March prices received by California producers, when compared to February average prices, increased 4 cents per pound for turkeys. Market eggs decreased 24.2 cents per dozen from last month.

Nationally, the March average prices received by producers increased 1.4 cents per pound for broilers and 2.5 cents per pound for turkeys. Market eggs decreased 14.1 cents per dozen.

POULTRY & EGG AVERAGE PRICES RECEIVED BY PRODUCERS 1/

Commodity	Unit	Mar. 15, 1999	Feb. 15, 2000	Mar. 15, 2000
		Cents		
CALIFORNIA				
Chickens-Broilers <u>2</u> /	Lb.	38.0	---	---
Market Eggs <u>3</u> /	Doz.	56.5	56.0	31.8
Turkeys	Lb.	44.0	41.0	45.0
UNITED STATES				
Chickens-Broilers <u>2</u> /	Lb.	35.8	33.5	34.9
Market Eggs <u>3</u> /	Doz.	53.1	52.3	38.2
Turkeys	Lb.	37.0	35.7	38.2

1/ The estimated prices shown in the table represent composite average prices received by producers. They are averages for all grades, classes and methods of sale of each commodity for the State and U.S. as a whole.

2/ Published annually starting in May 1999.

3/ Average for market (table) eggs including eggs sold retail by producers.

U.S. TURKEY HATCHERY PRODUCTION

Turkey eggs in incubators on April 1, 2000 in the United States totaled 32.6 million, down 3 percent from April 1 a year ago. Eggs in incubators were up 5 percent from the March 1 total of 31.1 million. Regional changes from the previous year were as follows: East North Central, down 5 percent; West North Central, down 13 percent; North and South Atlantic, up 6 percent; South Central, up 4 percent; and West, unchanged.

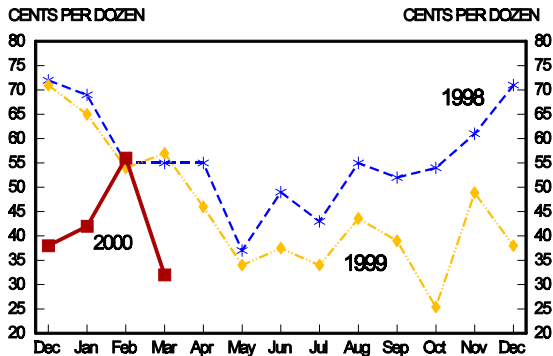
The 25.8 million poults placed during March 2000 in the United States were down 1 percent from the number placed during the same month a year ago. Placements were up 7 percent from the February total of 24.2 million. Regional changes from the previous year were as follows: East North Central, down 4 percent; West North Central, down 3 percent; North and South Atlantic, up 4 percent; South Central, up 3 percent; and West, down 4 percent.

ALL TURKEYS

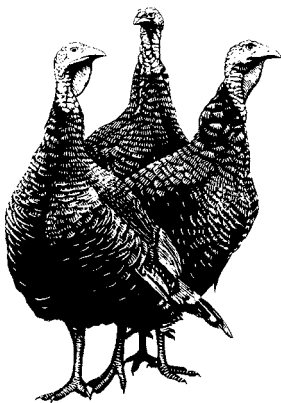
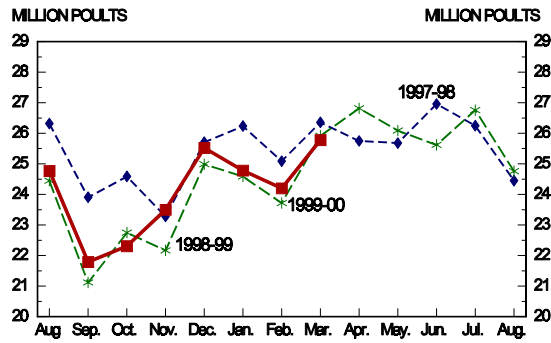
Geographic Division	Eggs in Incubators Apr. 1		2000 1999	Poults Placed during Mar. 1/		2000 1999
	1999	2000		1999	2000	
	Thousands		Percent	Thousands		Percent
EN Central	5,063	4,817	95	3,661	3,497	96
W N Central	11,522	10,001	87	8,992	8,718	97
N & S Atlantic	9,588	10,166	106	7,858	8,172	104
S Central	3,474	3,617	104	2,767	2,855	103
West	3,941	3,957	100	2,639	2,534	96
U.S.	33,588	32,558	97	25,917	25,776	99

1/ Excludes exported poults.

MARKET EGG PRICES, CALIFORNIA
DECEMBER THROUGH DECEMBER, 1998-2000



TURKEY POULT PLACEMENTS, UNITED STATES
AUGUST THROUGH AUGUST, 1998-2000



TURKEY POULT PLACEMENTS WITHIN THE UNITED STATES 1/

Month	Total All Breeds		99-00 98-99	Cumulative Total		99-00 98-99
	1998-99	1999-00		1998-99	1999-00	
	Thousands		Percent	Thousands		Percent
Sept.	21,124	21,794	103	21,124	21,794	103
Oct.	22,749	22,313	98	43,873	44,107	101
Nov.	22,167	23,379	105	66,040	67,486	102
Dec.	24,985	25,518	102	91,025	93,004	102
Jan.	24,590	24,676	100	115,615	117,680	102
Feb.	23,722	24,197	102	139,337	141,877	102
Mar.	25,917	25,776	99	165,254	167,653	101
Apr.	26,817			192,071		
May	26,085			218,156		
June	25,621			243,777		
July	26,755			270,532		
Aug.	24,755			295,287		

1/ Excludes exported poults.

PACIFIC COAST AND UNITED STATES COLD STORAGE

Commodity	Unit	March 1999	February 2000 <u>a/</u>	March 2000	<u>Mar. 2000</u> Mar. 1999	<u>Mar. 2000</u> Feb. 2000
		Thousands			Percent	
PACIFIC COAST						
Turkeys	Lbs.	52,551	39,149	46,053	88	118
Chickens	Lbs.	47,304	49,465	50,722	107	103
Ducks	Lbs.	81	250	166	205	66
Total Frozen Poultry Supplies	Lbs.	99,936	88,864	96,941	97	109
UNITED STATES						
Turkeys	Lbs.	374,945	347,273	398,441	106	115
Chickens	Lbs.	787,701	793,941	810,276	103	102
Ducks	Lbs.	5,868	3,705	3,924	67	106
Total Frozen Poultry Supplies	Lbs.	1,168,514	1,144,919	1,212,641	104	106
Eggs, Frozen	Lbs.	9,238	9,258	8,078	87	87

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